

Please Join Us This Wednesday—Nov. 20!

K(Arts) Grand Finale At Kahilu Theatre!



K(Arts) 2012—Final Curtain Call!

5:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20. Free and all invited for what is a highlight of the school year with nearly 90 students sharing what they've learned in classes — from **Hip Hop, Kahiko Hula and Chanting** and **Tahitian**, to **Acting and Musical Theatre, Backstage Production** and **Art!** Doors will open at 5 p.m. and **YES—cameras are permitted!**

K(Arts) 2012—Hip Hop presentation



Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School

The 'Ohana News

Student-Led
Teacher-Family
Conferences
Are Next Week!

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A Fascinating Social Studies-Language Arts-Art Appreciation-'Ike Hawai'i Lesson...

How A Legendary Mo'o Helps Teach The Power of Voting!

The lesson seems quite simple: Naming an untitled piece of art. But look again. Not only is this piece of art riveting, conjuring up 100+ questions...but it is just a tiny piece of a journey of learning that WMS teachers took 8th grade Social Studies students on recently – resulting in so much more than just a deep and meaningful name for the piece of art.

The lesson began with the traditional Hawaiian story of **Mo'oinanea** – a legendary mo'o that lives atop Mauna Kea. Two of **Kanu o Ka 'Aina's** high school students, **Makana Mahuna** and **Kayala Kahaulelio**, working with their teacher, **Kanoa Castro**, created this fabulous visual of Mo'oinanea and came to share it with **Ms. Catherine Shafer's Social Studies classes** as kumu **Ku'ulei Keakealani** revealed the story. Students were then asked to research further, craft a title for the artwork and then write a persuasive essay supporting their title. Kumu **Keali'i Bertelmann** helped, sharing pointers about Hawaiian words and phrases and as an artist. The completed essays supporting a title for the piece were taken to Kanu o ka 'Aina and students there chose the top five names. Then **'Ike Hawai'i Resource Teacher Pua Case** brought them back to WMS and each of the five top essays were shared with students along with the title suggested. Part of this guided lesson included discussing the significance of voting – having a voice, taking your voice and vote seriously, and that your voice counts! And then students voted.

And the winning name: **The Guarded Stories of Mauna a Wakea.**

The winning author of this title: **Roland Afaga, Jr.**
Congratulations, Roland!



See back page to read Roland's persuasive essay.



2013 'Ohana Makahiki Fest Was A Huge Success!

These pictures just scratch the surface of a great evening of learning and sharing of both cultural lessons and science that were enjoyed by many at last week's 'Ohana Makahiki Fest!

Many contributed to making it fun, delicious and memorable — a more complete mahalo list is published on the homepage of our school website — but most especially we thank our students and families, our faculty and staff and the cultural practitioners who came share a great evening together!



Mahalo For Helping Make Last Week's 'Ohana Makahiki Fest a Memorable Learning Experience For All!

Important News & Events:

Mala'ai Garden Student-Run 'Farm Stand' Continues: 1:15-2:45 p.m., Wednesdays thru Dec. 4
(Except Thanksgiving week.)

Native Hawaiian Scholarship 'Aha—Sources of Financial Aid: 6-8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 19.

Waimea's Hawaiian Homes Hall—Kuhio Hale. One of a series of community meetings to learn about financial aid available for Native Hawaiians including eligibility criteria and qualifications. Sponsored by UH, OHA and Native Hawaiian Education Association. Free and all invited:

Next "Save First!" Day: Wed., Nov. 20 – 7:30-7:50 a.m. – Outside of Mrs. Onaka's room.

Free Flu Vax Clinic: Wed., Nov. 20

K(Arts) Grand Finale: Wed., Nov. 20 – Kahilu Theatre – Doors open at 5 p.m.; Performance at 5:30 p.m.
Free!

WMS P/C Day: Mon., Nov. 25 – No school!

Student-Led Family Teacher Conferences - Students expected to attend w/ family but no school!

- Tues., Nov. 26 – Noon – 6 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 27 – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ELL Family Open House & Classroom Visits—Coincides with The Tuesday-Wednesday Student-Led Family Teacher Conferences—please come visit P12B!

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29. No school

WMS "Dough Raising Day!" at Domino's Pizza – Wed., Dec. 4 - 25% Rebate to WMS Yearbook Class providing they know to credit sale to WMS! Please support this fundraiser!

Waimea Christmas Twilight Parade – Leadership Students Host Food Booth Fundraiser – In front of Bank of Hawai'i – Sat., Dec. 7 – Road Closure at 5:15; Booth starts by 4:45 p.m.

Honoka'a High's New 'College Bound Talk Story Dinner: Thurs., Dec. 12 at Waimea School Cafeteria. This is the 4th of eight gatherings to help students and their families explore college and career possibilities. Free and includes dinner for the entire family.

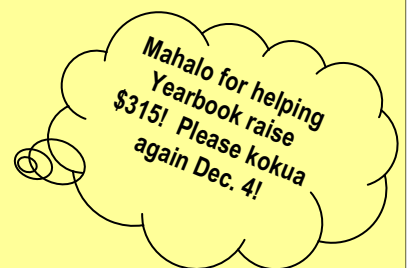
Winter Break: Mon., Dec. 23-Fri., Jan. 3, 2014

2nd Semester Begins—Tues., Jan. 7, 2014. Classes Resume

Important Waimea Community Association Town Meeting – Thurs., Jan. 9, 2014

Conveying support for 9-classroom Science-Technology Building to elected representatives and ask community to support this CIP request. 5:15 – 7 p.m. Cafeteria.

WMS Local Advisory Panel School-Community Day of Service – Campus Beautification Work Day coinciding with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Mon, Jan. 20, 2014, 8am – 1pm! Please join us!



The Guarded Stories of Mauna a Wakea—By Roland Afaga, Jr.

The title I have chosen for this piece is "The Guarded Stories of Mauna a Wakea." I chose this title because this piece is very symbolic and it shows many stories that are related to Mauna Kea. Every item in this piece has a meaning or a story behind it. In the sky, you see all the different colors of Poliahu's love. The green mo'o in the middle shows the physical appearance of Mo'oinanea. The club on the left and the triangles on the right represent the two servants of Mo'oinanea. In my title I put the word guarded because in the piece we see the wings of a bird and the rock wall. The bird symbolizes the separation between spiritual life and man. The rock wall shows a barrier that no one should pass. In ancient times, only highly ranked ali'i were allowed to go up Mauna kea. Now, anyone can go up there just for fun. By looking and understanding this piece, I developed a deep respect for Mauna Kea. Much of Waimea's culture is tied to this mountain. If this mountain disappears all of the stories will fall with it. Many activities we do are affecting the mountain. We can tell from the before and after pictures of Lake Waiau that we are really hurting the mountain. I think that my title should be chosen because if a person were to look at my title, they would try to learn all about the stories of Mauna Kea. I think that my title is not only a name for this piece, but there is also a story behind it.

(See the school website to read about the other top 4 suggested titles for the stunning artwork depicting Mo'oinanea.)

'Like' Us On Facebook!

There's so much news to share about WMS — from student achievements such as 8th grader **Kelsan Cacoulidis** winning the **NFL Punt, Pass & Kick** competition last week so going to the nationals! And **Noah Balaam's & Kama Liu's** Kona Crush Soccer Team placing first in the **U12 HYSA Division...**and **Keawe'iwi Pilayo's and Toby Balaam's Rah Jah Dat Soccer Club** placing 2nd! Plus major news stories, video news clips, coming school events and more! **See you on Facebook!**

WOW!

WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

Ac-quire

Definition: To buy or obtain (an object or asset) for oneself.

Part of speech: Verb

Root word: "Acquirere" in Latin means "to add to one's possessions"

Sentence: My goal is to acquire a 20-pound turkey for Thanksgiving.

P&R Volleyball Season Rolls On!

Mon., Nov. 18 -	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. HPA	Thelma Parker Gym
Tues., Nov. 19 -	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 3 vs. Parker 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Parker 2	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 2	Honoka'a Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 3	Honoka'a Gym
Thurs., Nov. 21 -	4:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 2 vs. Waimea 3	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 2 vs. Waimea 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Pa'auilo 1	Honoka'a Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Pa'auilo 2	Honoka'a Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Parker 1	Honoka'a Gym
Tues., Nov. 26 -	3:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Waimea 3	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Parker 2	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Waimea 3	Thelma Parker Gym

Nov. 26 concludes the season! Thanks to our coaches, AD Warren Tamaye and to the County P&R staff who help make this possible. *Reminder: There is no school Nov. 26 so students will have to make their own transportation arrangements to participate in these important final games.*

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Wed., Nov. 20: Crispy Nachos w/ Beef & Beans, Garden Salad, Fruit Juice & Corn Bread.

Thurs., Nov. 21: Asian Chicken on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Vegetable Medley, Fruit Juice & Whole Wheat Roll.

Fri., Nov. 22: Cheeseburger w/ Lettuce & tomato, Potato Rounds & Apple Wedge.

Mon.-Fri., Nov. 25-29 - No School - Classes resume Mon., Dec. 2

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.